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SUBJECT:INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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1. AN OFFICER OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY CALLED THE DEPARTMENT TODAY ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON TO EXPRESS HMG'S CONCERN ABOUT THE POSITION EXPRESSED BY A NUMBER OF OPEC COUNTRIES DURING LAST WEEK'S IFAD MEETING TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE IS NO NECESSARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO IFAD FROM OECD AND OPEC COUNTRIES. CLEAR IMPLICATION OF THIS POSITION IS THAT OPEC DONORS MAY NOT BE PREPARED TO MATCH TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO IFAD FROM OECD DONORS. HMG SUGGESTS A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL OECD DONOR COUNTRIES MAKE A JOINT APPROACH TO WORLD FOOD COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MAREI IN ROME NEXT WEEK TO PERSUADE MAREI OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF IFAD. THE HOPE IS THAT MAREI WOULD USE HIS GOOD OFFICES WITH OPEC COUNTRIES TO PERSUADE THEM TO ADOPT A MORE FORTHCOMING APPROACH. UK EMBOFF MENTIONED U.S., UK, FRG, SWEDEN AND THE NETHERLANDS AS POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH A JOINT APPROACH.

2. DEPARTMENT HEARTILY ENDORSES THIS UK INITIATIVE. THE CONCEPT OF ROUGH EQUIVALENCY IN TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OECD AND OPEC MEMBERS HAS BEEN AN IMPLICIT ELEMENT OF THE IFAD NEGOTIATIONS EVER SINCE THE IDEA OF A FUND WAS FIRST RAISED. INDEED, THE SENATE VERSION OF THE AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR IFAD CONTAINS THE PROVISIO THAT, QUOTE THERE IS EQUITABLE BURDEN SHARING AMONG THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF CONTRIBUTORS UNQUOTE. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY SHOULD WORK WITH UK (LANDYMORE) IN DEVELOPING A JOINT APPROACH TO MAREI ALONG THE ABOVE LINES. KISSINGER

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